

# Stabilization & Post-Conflict Reconstruction



## Overview of The Louis Berger Group

The Louis Berger Group (LBG) provides infrastructure and capacity building in fragile states. Since its first international assignment 50 years ago, LBG has focused its core practice on the delivery of infrastructure and capacity-building programs in areas of insurgency in addition to post-conflict and post-disaster environments. With more than 5,000 professionals and affiliate employees in more than 90 countries, LBG has an established presence throughout Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia. *(Representative projects listed in alphabetical order.)*

## Afghanistan

### Improving Afghanistan's Infrastructure

After 9/11, LBG was the first Western engineering firm on the ground in Afghanistan and has since completed more than \$2.5 billion of infrastructure rehabilitation and reconstruction in the country. LBG operates from a main office in Kabul in addition to project offices throughout Afghanistan and has supported various clients, including the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the World Bank, and the Government of Afghanistan.

To sustain Afghanistan's long-term growth, LBG combines improvements in physical infrastructure with improvements in institutional infrastructure—we build not only roads and bridges but also the capacity of the public and private sectors. Moreover, we build social infrastructure by directly hiring local Afghans and contractors. Our services include roads; power and energy; embedded engineering support; schools and clinics; dams and irrigation; and economic development.



*LBG employed 2,500 Afghans from three Pashtun tribes during construction of the USAID-funded Gardez-Khost Road during the winter of 2010.*

## Iraq

### Supporting Development and Reconstruction in Iraq

Since its first project in Iraq in 2004, LBG has become a leader in the country's agricultural and economic revitalization. On the USAID-funded *Izdihar*, *Tijara*, and *Inma* programs, LBG has implemented private sector and employment generation, microfinance, and agribusiness programs. LBG works closely with the provincial reconstruction teams, Iraqi counterpart organizations, and international NGOs. LBG has also supported the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers providing program and construction management, architecture and engineering, and prime power on military installations.



*Through the U.S. Agency for International Development's Growth With Equity in Mindanao Program, LBG has reintegrated 28,000 MNLF combatants into civil society.*

## The Philippines

### Achieving Sustainable Development

LBG has been executing USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) program since 1995 under three consecutively competed and awarded contracts. As an application of "soft power," GEM has substantially contributed to peace and development and thus the attainment of U.S. and Philippine strategic objectives—it strengthens peace and accelerates economic growth. Through GEM, LBG provides services across various sectors—from infrastructure construction to the reintegration of former combatants.

## Southern Sudan

### Rebuilding Southern Sudan's Infrastructure

LBG is supporting the U.S. government and the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) to rebuild the critical physical, social, and economic infrastructure in Sudan. For the USAID-funded Sudan Infrastructure Services Project, LBG is supporting the people of Southern Sudan, including the GOSS Ministry of Transport and Roads, to plan, manage, rehabilitate, and maintain roads and bridges; provide market town electrification; and provide water and sanitation. LBG is also working with state ministries and private Sudanese construction contractors to promote the improvement and maintenance—and consequently the sustainability—of the infrastructure.



*18,000 people now have access to running water and the incidence of water-borne diseases decreased as result of a pipeline project in Southern Sudan, one of many components of the USAID water and sanitation program LBG is executing.*



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